



STUART TOWN STUDIOS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND RATES

STUART TOWN STUDIOS is open to applications from visual artists, writers, sculptors, illustrators, musicians, teachers, arts administrators or anyone with an interest in the arts for residencies.

Applications are invited at any time of the year and there is no criteria for projects to be undertaken during the residency. It can be used simply as an inspirational retreat if this is the desire of the resident. The house will comfortably accommodate four or five, however it can sleep up to 7, depending on your sleeping arrangements. There is no wheel chair access. Minimum stay is one week. Please note the house is not suitable for children, or pets.

REQUIREMENTS

Send completed application form, CV and the names and contact details of two referees. Applicants are encouraged to send up to 6 images of their work, and/or any other relevant material.

- **Post:** cd containing jpeg or tif formatted files. Photographs & PDF files also accepted.
No slides or transparencies please.
- **Email:** Applications may be emailed (please keep image files to under 250KB each.)
*Please clearly label ALL material clearly with your name.

Please indicate if you would like your material returned, and if so please include an appropriate sized SSAE.

Applications will be acknowledged within 1 week of receipt and a further 3 weeks for confirmation.

AVAILABILITY OF RESIDENCIES

Stuart Town Studios invites applications for residencies all year round for periods of a minimum of 1 week. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred times, however these cannot be guaranteed. If you require a stay of less than one week, please contact us for a nightly rate. In this case there will be a cleaning fee applicable.

STUDIO FACILITIES

There are 4 studios available for your use. **The General Store Studio** is situated in the historic 1890's general store building and contains 2 etching presses (bed size of both: 60cm wide x 120cm long), a small lino



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printing & book binding press, several solid work tables, easels, etching baths, stereo, t.v & video and a large library of art books. The building itself boasts plenty of natural light, tall ceilings, great acoustics, an open fire place, and a rustic character.

The **Garden Studio** contains a large work bench, easel, sink, stereo and comfortable seating. This studio is suitable for a writer, illustrator or painter. The studio has French doors opening out onto a veranda and a secluded garden.

The **Outdoor Sculpture Studio**, is an open air studio situated in the garden under a plum tree, suitable for stone & wood carving, clay modelling, etc.

ART MATERIALS

Please bring your own materials and anything else you require for your work. There is an art supply store we recommend in Sydney that usually guarantees an overnight postal delivery if you run out of materials. (*Parkers Art Supplies, corner Argyle & Cambridge Streets, The Rocks. Phone: 02 9247 9979. Email: parkersartsupplies@aapt.net.au*) The Stuart Town Post Office is next door to the Studios.

ACCOMMODATION

The house was designed in typical early Australian architecture with a wide veranda skirted by a native garden. It was built in 1894 as a residency for the owners of the Crick & Co. General Store. Rustic in appearance, it has 4 bedrooms, 2 dining rooms, kitchen, breakfast room, pantry, bathroom (with large old style bath), and a flush toilet at the end of the garden path. Fully furnished, it also includes a t.v, video, stereos, phones, large fridge/freezer, ceiling fans, open fire places. A washing machine is also available for use, however due to water restrictions and the fact we rely on tank water, we do ask you keep it's use to a bare minimum. We also ask you bring your own linen and towels.

FOOD & FIREWOOD

Stuart Town has only a small general store, so you will need to do your main food shopping nearby at Orange (40mins away) or Wellington (30 mins away). Both are accessible daily by the XPT train. There is a local pub with restaurant, and the general store offers some take away food.

For winter months, firewood can be delivered at a cost of \$90 per ute-load which lasts most of the winter. (Half loads can be ordered.)

RATES

*Please note that all prices are in Australian Dollars.

Rates for Stuart Town Studios Residency Program are \$420 per week for up to 4 residents, and \$40 per person, per week thereafter.

This includes:

- gas & electricity
- local phone calls (phone cards needed for other calls. Please note mobile phone coverage is limited.)

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- blankets, doonas, pillows, tea-towels. Please be aware that you will need to bring your own sheets, pillow-cases & towels. Other arrangements regarding these can be made for overseas visitors

10% discount applies to stays of 4 weeks or longer.

PAYMENT

A 50% deposit of the total amount is due on acceptance of the residency. The final payment is due no later than one month in advance of your stay. Unfortunately we cannot offer credit card facilities. Payments can be made by cheque (Australian only), money order, bank cheque, or direct bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS

Any cancellations must be made 3 months or more in advance to receive a full refund of your deposit. For cancellations made within 2 - 3 months, half your deposit will be kept. And within 1 month the full deposit will be kept.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

To help us keep this historic house and studios in good working order, we do ask that you do the following as part of your residency:

- Water the garden bi-weekly.
- You will be responsible for cleaning up on departure and putting out all your garbage, which is collected weekly. We ask any furniture that has been moved to be replaced to its original location.
- Accommodation at the house is restricted to those that have been approved for the residency.
- The house must be left in same condition as when you arrived.
- Children and pets are not allowed. We cannot guarantee safety for either.
- Smoking only in outdoor areas please.

Residents are fully responsible for their own safety. Any insurance, both personal, health and property (such as loss of items) is the responsibility of the resident. No responsibility will be taken for any injury that may occur during your stay. The resident is responsible for any damage caused to the property and/or contents.

For any further information you may require, please contact us by phone or email.

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